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The Russians Report Continued Successes

Claims Thousands of Nazis Killed In Important Advance On Kalinin Front

Kuibyshev, April 1.—General Ivan S. Konev's Soviet army has recaptured 34 towns and villages in a two-day battle on the Kalinin front which cost the Germans 7,000 killed and possibly has cleared the way to Vitebsk, 75 miles east of the old Polish border, front reports said tonight.

The Moscow radio hinted broadly that recapture of Vitebsk, communications hub 75 miles northwest of Smolensk was near, while military dispatches implied that Konev's "crushing blow" in the same general area might mean that he had broken through the German lines.

"With the hour of liberation of Vitebsk not far off," a broadcast said, "the inhabitants have intensified guerrilla activity and are harassing the Germans."

(A Soviet communique broadcast from Moscow tonight reported a number of successful Red army attacks on the Leningrad front in the last two days in which 3,000 Germans were killed and 22 blockhouses, six tanks and 10 guns were destroyed and six tanks, 34 guns, 25 trench mortars and other material captured.

Fierce fighting on the central front led to the capture of one populated place and penetration of the German positions, the communique said. In beating off a counterattack more than 200 Germans were slain.

Reporting "no material changes on the front," the communique said 31 German planes were shot down Monday and 24 Tuesday, while Russian losses Tuesday were given as 13 planes.

Soviet dispatches taking a long-range view of the war said that the Finns had lost 200,000 men since it began and that the Germans had lost 45,000 killed and wounded in vain effort to capture Sevastopol.

The British Exchange Telegraph news agency reported from Stockholm that formidable reinforcements had reached German lines in the Crimea, the Donets Basin and on the central front. It said new and rigid restrictions on railway travel in Germany were due to the big-scale transport eastward of newly trained soldiers in preparation for the spring offensive.

The London radio quoted the Berlin correspondent of the Swedish newspaper Dagen Nyheter as reported that another German general, Lieut. Gen. Gerke, commander of an infantry division, had been killed on the Russian front.

The Communist newspaper Pravda in special dispatches from the Kalinin front said that in scoring the new victory Konev's forces took large quantities of artillery, trench mortars, machine guns, trucks and ammunition.

The Soviet forces on that ill-defined front stretching far west of the city of Kalinin into the province of the same name were believed to be far advanced toward the Baltic countries.

The Tass news agency, in a dispatch from the northwestern front, reported that fierce fighting went on day and night in the Staraya Russa area, where the Germans continued exerting every effort to relieve the encircled 16th army.

Particular bloody fighting took place around a village at a road crossing which changed hands several times, Tass said. Both sides used medium and heavy tanks, artillery and planes. In another sector where Germans tried to penetrate the Russian lines, they lost about 1,800 troops, 11 tanks and 20 planes, the dispatch said.

One Red air fleet unit shot down 10 German planes in one day's combat over that sector, Tass said. The Germans dropped 50 parachutists behind the Russian lines with orders to reach the 16th Army, but all were killed.

A Russian military commentator said that in five days of fighting on the southern front the Germans lost enough heavy guns and automatic weapons to arm two divisions of infantry at full strength.

THE HERO'S WIFE

In the language of flowers, the sweet pea is the symbol of departure. The meaning was brought out March 15 by odd coincidences. At the opening of the International Flower Show in New York, a large, salmon-colored sweet pea was named for Mrs. Douglas MacArthur. Next day it was announced that Mrs. MacArthur herself had departed from the Philippines for Australia. Newsweek.

Buy U. S. Defense Bonds and Stamps, the I. O. U. of the Red Cross and War Bonds.

Recent Registrants Due For Early Call

Some of Men Registered on February 16th May Be Summoned to Training Camps in May

Washington, April 1.—Draft headquarters served notice today that some of the men who registered on February 16 may be summoned to the training camps in May, and that June most probably would see a portion of them in the service.

Those who registered on that date were men between 35 and 44 inclusive and those who had become 20 and 21 in the recently preceding months. A lottery determining the order of their liability for service was conducted on March 17.

The intent of the Army regarding this group was made plain in selective service order to all local draft boards. They were told to start classifying the new registrants immediately and prepare to fill the June call, and possibly the May call, in part from them.

This clarified an uncertainty as to whether these men would be lumped with the earlier registrants and become subject to early call or whether the Army would exhaust the first group before tapping the second.

The method of coordinating the two groups is to be explained in detail in a later announcement. As recently outlined, the plan is as follows: After the men have been classified, a local board determines how many from each group are 1-A. If it has, for example, sixty 1-A men from the first group and 40 from the second, all calls from the Army for new men are filled 60 per cent from the second.

"Local boards," the selective service headquarters announcement said, "were instructed to start classification at once of the several million men who enrolled on February 16 and to prepare to fill the Army's June call for men, and possibly the May call with these registrants and registrants from the first age group."

After explaining that those who registered prior to February 16 were referred to as the "first age group," and those who registered on February 16 as the "second age group," the announcement continued:

"The War Department has indicated that beginning June 1, 1942, requisition will probably call for men of both age groups. In such event it will be necessary to lay calls for the month of June, 1942, and for subsequent months on both age groups. In those local boards where the first age group is exhausted by June 1, 1942, calls will of necessity be made only upon the second age group.

"The precise method which will be followed for the filling of calls for the month of June, 1942, and for subsequent months, as between registrants in the first age group and registrants in the second age group, will be made the subject of a subsequent memorandum."

Air Observation Post For Week of April 6th

The following Air Observers for this week are listed below and they are requested to consult posted bulletins at the City Drug Company and Post Office for Hours Scheduled to serve:

- Monday, April 6th.
 - LeRoy Bass, R. N. Freeman—Robt. Lee Smith, Jno. D. Holmes—R. A. Fields—Wooten's Station—L. E. Walston—W. S. Royster.
- Tuesday, April 7th.
 - W. Bryan Gaddy, Linwood Russell—Mack Caraway, M. G. Thorne—T. W. Lang—Wooten's Station—E. H. Knott—L. T. Pierce.
- Wednesday, April 8th.
 - J. R. Shearin, Geo. W. Davis—F. M. Davis, Jr., Lewis Creech—Haywood Lovic—Wooten's Station—W. H. Duke—S. A. Carris.
- Thursday, April 9th.
 - W. B. Jones, P. K. Ewell—Elbert Holmes, Matthew Gibbs—A. Q. Roebuck—Wooten's Station—Z. M. Whitehurst—James R. Lang.
- Friday, April 10th.
 - L. P. Thomas, J. M. Stancil—T. R. Mizelle, Jno. D. Dixon—E. A. Parker—Wooten's Station—J. O. Pollard—J. B. Briley.
- Saturday, April 11th.
 - Harry Dixon, W. C. Slaven—Ardell Cayton, Geo. Dixon—J. H. Moore—Wooten's Station—Pat Ruffin—M. V. Horton.
- Sunday, April 12th.
 - Joe Butts, Joe Fluke—Alex Allen, Coy Monk—LeRoy Parker—Wooten's Station—Billie Jones, Jr.—Will H. Moore.

Pat E. Jones, Chief Observer; A. W. Rabbit, 1st Assistant; C. F. Bacon, 2nd Assistant.

PREVENTION OF CANCER

Here are certain health rules that decrease the risk of cancer formation: 1. Keep the mouth, tongue and throat clean. 2. Keep the teeth clean and free from cavities and jagged edges that chafe the tongue or cheek. 3. Avoid the excessive use of tobacco, especially if it irritates or burns the tongue, lip or cheek. 4. Avoid the use of food or drink that irritates the stomach or that causes irregularity in action of the intestine (bowels). 5. Keep the skin clean. 6. Have regular physical examinations by a recognized physician to get a "check up" at least once a year. Form this habit and stick to it.

A thrifty housewife can save a lot of money for her husband to spend on the hobbies and bills.

A WEEK OF THE WAR

(Released March 31)

President Roosevelt announced creation of a Pacific war council which will sit in Washington, representing Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Canada, China, Britain and the United States. The first meeting is scheduled for April 1 at the White House. Mr. Roosevelt said "It is imperative that all of the United Nations now actively engaged in the Pacific conflict consider together matters of policy relating to our joint war effort." He said the Council "will be in intimate contact with a similar body in London."

Production and Conversion. The President authorized the War and Navy Departments and the Maritime Commission to guarantee or make direct loans to small businesses seeking to engage in war production. Any Federal Reserve Bank may serve as agent for the departments concerned. Loans, discounts, advances and commitments may be arranged with private banks. The War Production Board reported organization of a Bureau of Finance with 35 representatives located in WPB Field Offices to help contractors and subcontractors in solving financial problems arising in connection with war orders.

The Federal Reserve Board said steel production was at 98 percent of capacity in third week of March. War Production Chairman Nelson said more than 100 war plants have already organized management-labor production drives. The President approved a plan by Attorney General Biddle to defer Federal antitrust action which would "interfere" with the output of guns, tanks, planes and ships.

Rationing. The OPA said that county clerks throughout the country now have 180 million sugar rationing books which will be transferred to schools for registration of commercial sugar users April 28 and 29, and of individual consumers May 4 thru May 7. The Office released for rationing beginning April 13 more than 100,000 new typewriters now in the hands of distributors, wholesalers and dealers.

April quotas for tires provide 102,000 new tires and 470,000 recapped tires for essential passenger cars and motorcycles, 275,000 new tires and 250,000 recapped tires for trucks, and a limited number of recapped tires for war workers, taxicabs, farmers, salesmen and government agencies. The OPA released for rationing several classes of higher-priced cars and those ordered by state and local agencies during 1941. The Office of Defense Transportation will ration ambulances, hearses and station wagons.

Civilian Defense. The President signed a bill providing Federal insurance for homes, factories and farms damaged by enemy action. Civilian defense Director Landis said establishment of first-aid supply centers which duplicate equipment already existing in the OGD Emergency Service threatens to cause a serious shortage of medical essentials. The OGD said an air raid siren that could efficiently serve an area of eight to 10 square miles will be in production soon and might cost as little as \$1,500.

Army Progress. All U. S. Army Air Stations, except those at certain strategic points on the West Coast, will hold open house on Army Day, April 6, Air Forces Commander Arnold said. Late model fighter planes and bombers will be placed on exhibit, and air force activities will be explained to visitors. Congress completed action on legislation which will enable approximately 20,000 Americans in Canadian and British forces to regain their citizenship to be transferred to the U. S. Army.

The House passed and sent to the Senate an \$18 billion war appropriation bill including \$7 billion for 31,000 airplanes and their equipment. War Secretary Stimson said the army plans to induct 175,000 negro soldiers this year. He said plastic fuses will replace the standard aluminum (Continued on page 4)

Notice of New Closing Time

According to the majority of the votes cast by the local merchants when war time was adopted, it was agreed that all stores would begin closing at 6:00 o'clock P. M. on April 1st, 1942. Several have already posted notices to that effect and you are requested to give your cooperation so that we will have no further confusion about this closing time.

ALL STORES CLOSE AT 6:00 O'CLOCK P. M. WAR TIME BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1942.

Farmville Merchants Association.

Rites For H. F. Voss Held Here Thursday

Native of Germany Was Prominent in Tobacco Industry For Many Years

Herman F. Voss died at his home here Tuesday, March 31st, at 3:45 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Voss was born March 27, 1901 in Bremen, Germany. When eighteen years of age he entered the tobacco business, coming to America in his early twenties to work with Subling and Company in Lynchburg, Virginia. In 1931 Mr. Voss became associated with A. C. Monk & Company, of Farmville, as their foreign representative, and as such, traveled extensively in the United States and Europe. He resigned his position with the Monk Company in July, 1941, to enter into his own business, but was taken ill in August and was not able to continue his plans.

Five years ago Mr. Voss was granted the privilege of American Citizenship. He was a member of the Lutheran Church before coming to North Carolina and was affiliated with the Farmville Methodist Church during the past seven years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Wilma Muelier Voss, to whom he was married on May 9, 1935, his mother, Mrs. Freda Voss, and a sister, Miss Lina Voss, the latter two of Germany. Services were held from the home in Farmville on Thursday morning at ten-thirty, with Rev. M. Y. Self, pastor of the Methodist Church officiating.

The following served as active pall-bearers: A. C. Monk, Sr., Lynn Eason, James Lang, L. T. Pierce, Marvin V. Jones, Richard Harris, of Farmville; J. Sterling Gates, Kinston, and Plato Monk, of Wilson. Honorary pall-bearers were: R. T. Monk, J. L. Parker, Lath Morris, F. W. Satterthwaite, G. E. Moore, Jr., G. E. Beckman, H. L. Winstead, G. V. Monk, B. L. Lang, George W. Davis, J. Y. Monk, Johnnie Carlton, Robert Rouse, R. H. Knott, Andy Martin, J. W. Joyner, Alex Allen, J. W. Rabe, A. W. Bobbit, W. A. Pollard, Jr., T. L. Albrington, Jno. T. Thorne, B. O. Turnage, L. E. Walston, C. S. Hotchkiss, R. E. Pickett, W. R. Hodges, H. N. Howard, M. V. Horton, R. S. Johnson and Dr. J. M. Newborn, of Farmville; Joe Fritz and Chas. Griffin, of Wilson; Johnny Brooks, Walter Jones, Irvin Langley, Bill Nicholson, V. C. Dickinson, R. S. Mippen, L. N. Ligon, Jr., Louis Paylor, R. E. Hamlin and Ragland, of Kinston; J. J. Henderson, E. S. Sykes and C. W. Cooper, of Wendell; C. W. Howard, W. G. Glass, N. S. Beard, E. C. Wilkinson and J. T. Cheatum, Jr., of Greenville; J. S. Harvey, Jr., of Durham; W. I. Skinner, Jr., and James King, of Williamson, and Arthur Sarger, of New Bern.

MASS MEET POSTPONED

The Mass Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 2, has been postponed to Thursday, April 16th. Citizens of Farmville and surrounding community are urged to meet in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building on this date at 8 p. m., to hear Dr. J. M. Newborn, Dr. Charles Fitzgerald and Dr. R. T. Williams discuss the "General Facts of Cancer." Cancer Control needs the cooperation and support of every intelligent citizen. Attend this meeting.

Radio talks will continue from Station W. G. T. C., with prominent doctors of the county speaking on Friday, April 8, Monday, April 6, and Thursday, April 9, at 10:45 a. m. Dr. W. L. Wooten of Greenville is in charge of the arrangements for these talks.

Proctor Announces For Re-Election

Greenville, March 28.—Sheriff J. Knott Proctor today announced his candidacy for re-election to the office of sheriff of Pitt county, subject to the Democratic primary May 30th. Born in Grimesland 46 years ago, the sheriff is the son of the late W. E. and Liza Galloway Proctor. He moved to Greenville where he was engaged in battery and tire business, gas and oil and Chevrolet automobile agency. He was with the automobile agency when he was appointed to an unexpired term of sheriff and also named as the Democratic nominee for the term beginning December, 1943.

Mr. Proctor is active in civic and fraternal circles. He is a member of the American Legion, having served overseas in the thirteenth division, Battery B, 118th P. A. He is a Mason, member of the Elks Lodge and of the Rotary club. He is also active in church circles, being a member of the Eighth Street Christian church and is on the church's board of deacons.

28 ENEMY U-BOATS SUNK By U. S. AIR, SEA FORCES

Daughters Of Confederacy In Dist. Meet Here

Rebecca Winbourne Chapter Hostess To Eleventh District; Meeting Held In The Major May Chapter House

Mrs. Quentin Gregory, of Halifax, District Director, presided over the annual meeting of the Eleventh District United Daughters of the Confederacy, which met here on Friday, March 27th, with approximately one hundred women attending.

Opening the program, pages bearing the United States and North Carolina Flags, lead the professional march, guiding distinguished guests to their places of honor. These were: Mrs. J. E. Woodard, Second Vice President General and Past North Carolina Division President; Mrs. Walter Woodard, Past Division President, both of Wilson; Mrs. R. O. Everett, North Carolina Division President, of Durham; Mrs. Alexander Cooper, First Vice President N. C. Division, Henderson; Mrs. Quentin Gregory, Third Vice President N. C. Division and District Director of the Eleventh District, Halifax; Mrs. W. L. Johnson, N. C. Division Historian, LaGrange; Mrs. J. W. Parker, State Chairman of U. D. C. History Sale, Farmville; Mrs. R. L. Applewhite, Recording Secretary of the Eleventh District, Halifax. These were presented corsages of red and white camellias.

The invocation was given by Rev. Marvin Y. Self, pastor of the Farmville Methodist Church. Following this, pledges to the U. S. and the Confederate Flag were given and America and Dixie were sung by the assembly. Mrs. M. V. Jones was at the piano.

Greetings of welcome from the Farmville Chapter were given by Mrs. Preston Murphree and were responded to by Mrs. F. W. M. White, of Halifax.

During the morning session, Mrs. R. O. Everett gave the principal address, discussing the "Place of the U. D. C. in World Affairs of Today."

Greetings were read from Mrs. John Anderson of Raleigh, who was unable to attend.

Splendid reports from the chapters in Enfield, Halifax, Rocky Mount, Scotland Neck, Tarboro, Weldon, Wilson and Farmville, were heard. Each chapter received a pictorial map of the Jefferson Davis highway.

During the Memorial hour, heads were bowed in deepest reverence for the departed daughters, who have died since the meeting—last year. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Self, and a lovely tribute was made by Mrs. W. G. Robbins of Rocky Mount. Mrs. J. D. Holmes, of Farmville, sang "I Met My Master Face To Face."

During the luncheon hour, an open forum was held, in which many phases of the U. D. C. work were discussed. Mrs. J. W. Parker, chairman of the nominating committee, presented Mrs. Henry Speight, of Tarboro, for District Director, to succeed Mrs. Gregory. Mrs. Speight was unanimously elected.

The Lane Banner, awarded annually to the Chapter securing the largest number of new members, was won by the William Dorney Pender Chapter of Tarboro.

Mrs. Gregory announced that the District had won a cash prize at the State Convention and the delegates voted that this be divided into two prizes to be given to the Chapters doing the most outstanding work along all lines next year.

"Salute to the Daughters of the Confederacy," composed by George O. Glass, of Durham, and dedicated to Mrs. B. O. Everett, Division President, was sold to many of the Daughters by Mrs. Alex Cooper.

A rising vote of thanks was extended Mrs. Quentin Gregory for her services as District Director.

Daughters accepted the invitation of the Wilson Chapter to meet with them next year.

The meeting closed with the assembly singing "Bless Be The Thy That Binds."

The Farmville Chapter report was given by Mrs. E. D. Rouse and Miss Agnes Virginia Quasney, representing the local C. of C. Chapter.

The D. A. R. Chapter House was beautifully decorated with handsome arrangements of Spring flowers and groups of Confederate flags were used on the mantels. Mrs. J. I. Morgan gave the program presented the distinguished guests.

Pages were Mrs. Alex Allen and Miss Mary Frier Rouse, who were draped in blue gray skirts and wide red sashes, ribbons draped from the shoulders. These same ribbons were worn by the same young women when they served at pages at the last District meet held here.

Navy Flier Gets Second Sub; Officials Hint Other U-Boats Destroyed

Washington, April 1.—Donald Francis Mason, the naval enlisted pilot who recently "sighted sub, sank same," has done it again, the Navy announced today, and for his unprecedented double success has been awarded the equivalent of a second Distinguished Flying Cross and given an officer's commission.

Mason's second successful attack was one of three submarine sinkings reported by the Navy today. The three, two in the Atlantic and one in the Pacific, raised to a grand total of 28 the number of Axis undersea craft announced as "sunk or presumed sunk" by U. S. military and naval forces thus far in the war. Of this total, 21 were blasted in the Atlantic and seven in the Pacific.

Other Subs Sunk. In addition to these, the Navy asserted that "there is evidence of additional sinkings of Axis undersea craft" in its campaign against merchant shipping raiders. But it said that no claims would be made to these until they are absolutely certain and until the news will be of "no possible use to the enemy."

Meanwhile, ship sinkings by Axis subs continued off the Atlantic coast. The Navy announced the torpedoing of a medium-sized Panamanian merchant vessel, and it was disclosed that 13 of its crewmen, weak and numb from exposure, were landed at Norfolk, Va., Saturday night.

A rescue vessel picked them up after they had drifted for 45 hours in one lifeboat and two rafts. Two others of the crew were known dead and 38 presumed lost.

At New York, the captain of a Norwegian freighter, the 2,362-ton Gunny, told how he and 11 other survivors drifted for seven days on a raft after his ship was torpedoed in the south Atlantic March 2. The survivors ate all their rations and were reduced to chewing bits of wood before being rescued. The torpedoing resulted in the death of 14 other crewmen.

Mason, a 28-year-old Rochester Minn. man, was promoted to ensign, the starting commission rank, and was awarded a silver star to add to his Distinguished Flying Cross, previously given for his first sinking.

Both the other sinkings disclosed today also were due primarily to air action. One of these was accomplished by Ensign William Tepuni, naval reserve pilot of San Francisco, Calif., and was in the Atlantic area. Vice-Admiral Royal E. Ingersoll, commander of the Atlantic fleet, awarded Tepuni the Distinguished Flying Cross for his exploit.

The other, in the Pacific, was effected by First Lieutenant James Valentine Edmondson, 26, of Santa Monica, Calif., an Army flier. Navy Secretary Knox commended Edmondson for the "keen observation, flying skill and successful attack with bombs" involved in his feat.

Mason's first success had been announced February 26. This he merely reported to his base in the message, "Sighted sub, sank same."

Giving more details of this incident today, the Navy said that Mason was on a routine patrol flight when he spotted a submarine cruising at periscope depth. He dived and dropped two bombs at a low altitude, straddling the periscope. The sub was blown partially out of the water and then sank and soon afterward a large patch of oil covered the area.

It also was a patrol flight that led to the second attack. Again Mason swooped down and released depth charges. All charges hit and the U-boat blew up, scattering wreckage over a large area.

The same day—date unannounced—that Mason scored again, Tepuni sighted another submarine, whether it was in the same general sector of the Atlantic war or in some other the Navy did not say. Tepuni bombed the U-boat until it lay helpless on the surface.

The next day, the Navy said, destroyers "moved in for the kill." Edmondson's citation merely credited him with "distinguished service in the line of his profession in sinking an enemy submarine in the Hawaiian area" and no other details were given.

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